

Loosing of FCC rules to allow more concentrated media ownership is not in the interest of the American public. When one looks at the generally low quality of programming and the monolithic nature of the voices presented in U.S. public affairs programming, it is clear that tighter rules are more necessary than weaker rules at this time. When one examines the data on the sources from which most U.S.citizens receive their news, it is clear that the internet is a bit player while broadcast television and radio along with daily print are the major sources from whence most citizens receive their news. Far from providing the informed citizenry upon which a republican governmental system depends for sustenance, the current system has produced a cynical populace that feels disengaged from public affairs and is, as one writer put it,amusing itself to death. Allowing more concentrated ownership will only exacerbate this problem.